THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) To the extent information, is available, no company has submitted the details required to ^e submitted under paragraph *tt'Tit* the DPCO, 1987 for revision of price of any iron preparation in combination with non-scheduled buuc drugs since the an nouncement of DPCO, 1987 except M/s. Glindia who have revised to price of Fersolate tablets (500's pack), from Rs. 12.56 to Rs. 25.37.

Steps to decrease the Prices of Honvan Injection

1998 DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 635 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2»th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government received thg required information as per provision il of DPCO, 1987 "from the manufacturer" of Honvan Injection, Holixine Injection and Honvan tablets before increasing the price by more than 100 per cent in each case;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have the right to bring the price decontrolled medicines under control in case of a steep price increase; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to safeguard the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, the Government is empowered to include any drug including price decontrolled drugs in Schedules I or II of the DPCO, and to fix or to revise the price for such drug.

(c) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of non-sche duled drugs are free to revise the prices of their products. In consum ers' interest, the Government has in tervened wherever price rise has been very high and secured reduction in the prices of the concerned formulations.

Information about Sales Turn over df Celin Tablets

1999. DR. RATNAKAR PENDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 572 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state;

(a) whether the manufacturers of Celin tablets, Redoxin Chewable tablets and Arovit formulations submitted the information as required under DPCO, 1987 before increasing the prices of these medicines;

(b) if so whether Government have examined the information of each; and

(fc) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Information supplied are as per the requirements of the various provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Prices °t Pseudoefediine Hcl

2000. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 641 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Pseu-doedrine Hcl., Pseudoefedrine Sulphate, Sulphadimidine, Theophylline, Prednisolone, Ephedrine Hcl., Vitamin A, Hydrocortisone, Quinidine' Sulphate and Sulphadiazine are covered under Price Control Order, 1987:

(b) what was the Price of each drug recommended by BICP;

(c) when was the recommendation sent by BICP. and

(d) when was the price notified by *his* Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): ('a) AH the bulk drugs except Vitamin 'A' are covered under price control. All Vitamins as bulk drugs including Vitamin 'A' have been exempted from price control.

(b) to (d). Based on the recommendations of BlCP the following prices have been notifies by Govern, ment under the provision of DPCO, 1987:

Name of drug	Price notified by Government (Rs.)	Date of Notification
1. Psendoefedrine Hcl	1621.00	7-12-87
2. Psendoefedrine Sulphate	1529.00	7-12-87
3. Sulphadimidine	258.40	1-12-87
4. Theophylline	224.36	11-2.
5. Prednisolone	22420.76	11-2-88
6. Ephedrine Hcl.	1016.00	3-9-87
7. Hydrocortisone	19143.59	11-2-88
8. Quinidine Sulphate	4067.00 (Govt. Quinine Factory, W. Bengal)	17-12-87
	2892.00 (Govt. Quinine Factory, Tamil Nadu)	17-12-87
9. Sulphadiazine	461.00	16-10-87

Information furnished by Drug Companies

2001. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister oi INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question **643** given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the total number ol companies which furnished information for increase in prices of non-scheduled formulations as required under Para li of DPCO, 1987;

(b) what are the detaiite of products for which the information has been monitored and examined by his Min-istry;

(c) whether his Ministry has found any increase in the price without any justification.

(d) if so, what are the names ot those products;

(e) whether his Ministry has included any product or formulation undei price control on the basis of monitoring and examination or information provided by the manufacturer /importer before increasing the price; and